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To: Members of the staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for General Services

Subject: CATERING SERVICES

1. The contract between the United Nations and the Catering Service provides for an increase of 5 per cent in price, with the exception of specific items, effective 1 April each year, if the respective consumer price index (CPI) published in February each year by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics increases by 5 per cent or more, or the accumulation of the CPI since the last price increase adds up to a total increase of 5 per cent or more. The recently published CPI rose by 3.1 per cent as of February 1992 and, therefore, does not support an overall price increase.

2. In respect to the specific items mentioned above, the United Nations catering contract provides for price increases at two-year intervals if the CPI increases by 5 per cent or more during the two-year period. Since the 1991 CPI rose by 5.8 per cent, a price increase of 5 per cent for these specific items is due at this time.

3. The prices of the specific items in the cafeterias (Main Cafeteria, UNICEF Cafeteria, UNDC-1 Cafeteria) will therefore be as follows:

	$	$
Muesli with milk		1.25
Rolls, croissants, bagels	0.60 -	0.95
Salads	2.85 -	3.15
Onion rings		0.95
Fruit	0.70 -	1.05
Fruit salads (small, large)	1.15 -	2.15
Coke, Diet Coke etc. (small, large)	0.75 -	1.00
Coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea, decaffeinated tea (small, large)	0.60 -	0.75

4. It should be noted that the last price increase in the Staff Cafe was approved in 1990. Although the CPI had risen by 5.8 per cent in 1991, the Catering Service had agreed not to increase prices before 1 April 1992. In accordance with the provisions made in the catering contract, the prices in this facility will therefore be increased as follows:

	$	$
Entree No. 1		8.35
Entree No. 2		8.35
Entree No. 3		7.50
Dessert		1.95
Wine (by the glass)		2.80
Beer	1.95 -	2.20
Cappuccino		1.95
Expresso		1.70

5. After consultations with the caterer, prices in the staff catering facilities at Headquarters will be adjusted as specified above effective Monday, 8 June 1992.